

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 (Canceled).

7. (Currently amended) A padded sign displaying apparatus, ~~for a folding chair having a back rest portion with at least one edge, the padded sign~~ comprising:

a folding chair having a pair of spaced legs and a seat portion and a back rest portion that extends between the spaced legs wherein the back rest portion provides support for a person's back when sitting on the seat portion wherein the back rest portion includes at least one edge; and

a padded sign comprising:

a main body having dimensions that conform to ~~the~~ dimensions of the back rest portion wherein the main body includes a front surface and a rear surface;

a plurality of retainers attached to the main body for securing the main body ~~of the sign holder~~ to the back rest portion of the folding chair such that the rear surface is positioned proximate the back rest portion of the chair and such that the front surface is positioned to come into contact with the person's back when the person's back is supported by the back rest portion; and

a padding having an outer surface attached to the main body ~~such that wherein a message can be is~~ inscribed on the outer surface of the padding ~~adjacent the front surface of the main body~~ so as to be positioned in front of the front surface of the main body.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~padded sign~~ apparatus of Claim 7, wherein the main body and the plurality of retainers are constructed of plastic, wherein the plurality of retainers form contiguous extensions from the main body.

9. (Currently amended) The ~~padded sign~~ apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the main body is a 1/4 inch thick plastic.

10. (Currently amended) The ~~padded sign~~ apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the plurality of retainers extending from the main body form hook shapes biased toward the rear surface of the main body.

11. (Currently amended) The ~~padded sign~~ apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the main body and the plurality of retainers are adapted to allow urging of the plurality of hook shaped retainers into engagement with the at least one edge of the back rest portion of the folding chair.

12. (Currently amended) The ~~padded sign~~ apparatus of Claim 7, wherein the padded sign attached to the back rest portion of the folding chair is contoured to the back rest portion so as to retain the functional profile of the back rest portion.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~padded sign~~ apparatus of Claim 7, wherein the padding is attached to the main body by securing the padding onto the rear surface of the main body.

14. (Currently amended) The ~~padded sign~~ apparatus of Claim 13, wherein the padding is stapled to the rear surface of the main body.

15. (Currently amended) A folding chair having a folded and an unfolded configuration comprising:

a back rest portion with at least one edge wherein the back rest portion provides support for a person's back when sitting on the folding chair; and

a sign displaying device removably attached to the back rest portion, the sign displaying device comprising:

a main body ~~with a front surface and a rear surface;~~

a plurality of retainers attached to the main body for securing the main body ~~of the sign displaying device~~ to the back rest portion by urging the plurality of retainers into engagement with the at least one edge of the back rest portion;
and

a padding attached to the main body such that the main body is interposed between the padding and the back rest portion and such that the padding defines a first surface that comes into contact with the person's back when the person's back is supported by the back rest portion and wherein a message is inscribed on the first surface of the padding such that the message is visible when viewed from front of the folding chair.

~~an area on the front surface on which a message can be inscribed such that the message is visible when viewed from front of the folding chair.~~

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16. (Original) The folding chair of Claim 15, wherein the folding chair with the sign displaying device attached to the back rest portion has substantially similar dimensions as a folding chair without the sign displaying device attached.

17. (Original) The folding chair of Claim 16, wherein the folding chair with the sign displaying device attached to the back rest portion can be folded and unfolded without removing the sign displaying device.

18. (Currently amended) The folding chair of Claim 17, wherein ~~the~~ a plurality of folding chairs with ~~the~~ sign displaying devices attached can be stacked together when in the folded configuration.

19. (Original) The folding chair of Claim 15, wherein a user can sit on the unfolded folding chair and rest the user's back on the back rest portion of the folding chair with the sign displaying device attached to the back rest portion.

20. (Original) The folding chair of Claim 15, wherein the message displayed on the sign displaying device attached to the back rest portion enhances the appearance of the folding chair.

21. (Currently amended) The folding chair of claim 20, wherein ~~the~~ a plurality of folding chairs with messages displayed on ~~the~~ a plurality of sign displaying devices enhance ~~the~~ an overall atmosphere of the gathering for which the folding chairs are being used.

Claims 22-31 (Canceled).

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 7 was discussed during the interview.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Smith reference (U.S. Patent No. 2,767,895), Navarino reference (U.S. Patent No. 3,283,433), and other cited references were discussed.

Proposed Amendments

Claim 7 will be amended to positively claim the chair and define that the sign is located on the front portion of the chair such that a person sitting on the chair would come in contact with the sign.

Results of Interview

Agreement was not reached with respect to Claim 7.